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BELOIT MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF CRACK COCAINE

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Dion C. Lake, aka "Black," 28, of Beloit, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 15 years in prison, to be followed by six years of supervised release, for possession of crack cocaine. Lake pleaded guilty to this charge on October 28, 2007.

An investigation by local and federal agents demonstrated that from 2004 to 2006, Lake was involved with the distribution of more than 1.5 kilograms of crack cocaine in the Beloit area.

The charge against Lake was the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force, comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Rock County Sheriff's Department; the Beloit Police Department; the Janesville Police Department; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. To date, a total of 52 defendants have been

convicted of federal drug and gun charges resulting from the Task Force investigations.
The prosecution of Dion Lake has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A.
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